

Meeting Date: July 24, 2008

Agenda Item No. 14

Agenda Item: Release of Bighorn Sheep Tags for
Auction/Lottery (Action)

Approved by: _____

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Background:

The Idaho Fish & Game Commission is authorized to release a bighorn sheep tag for auction and a bighorn sheep tag for lottery. Department proceeds from the auction tag are used to fund bighorn sheep research and management. Proceeds from the lottery tag help fund Department activities for resolving problems between wild and domestic animals.

The Commission is authorized to select a nonprofit conservation organization to market the auction and lottery tags. No more than 5% of the auction tag proceeds, and no more than 25% of the lottery tag proceeds, may be retained by the nonprofit organization. The Wild Sheep Foundation (formally known as the Foundation for North American Wild Sheep) has been the conservation organization historically selected for marketing the tags.

The attachment provides a history of income received by the auction and lottery tags.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

Idaho Code 36-408(5) provides statutory authority for the Commission to release 1 bighorn sheep tag for lottery and 1 bighorn sheep tag for auction.

Commission rules (IDAPA 13.01.04.700 and 13.01.04.800) generally restrict auction tag winners from hunting in Unit 11 during even numbered years, and lottery tag winners from hunting in Unit 11 during odd numbered years.

Public Involvement Process:

None. The Wild Sheep Foundation supports the requested action.

Staff Recommendation:

Approve the release of auction and lottery bighorn sheep tags for 2009 to be marketed by the Wild Sheep Foundation.

Justification:

Commission action is required to release the tags.

**IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
WILD SHEEP FOUNDATION
IDAHO SPECIAL BIGHORN SHEEP PERMIT/TAG
LOTTERY AND AUCTION REVENUE HISTORY**

Year	Auction Price	Year	Lottery Price
1988	\$68,000	N/A	
1989	\$36,000	N/A	
1990	\$30,000	N/A	
1991	\$30,000	N/A	
1992	\$51,000	1992	\$14,446
1993	\$31,000	1993	\$8,836
1994	\$50,000	1994	\$12,112
1995	\$70,000	1995	\$20,798
1996	\$101,000	1996	\$38,784
1997	\$33,000	1997	\$31,262
1998	\$55,000	1998	\$36,855
1999	\$36,500	1999	\$41,466
2000	\$46,000	2000	\$36,978
2001	\$80,000	2001	\$29,177
2002	\$47,500	2002	\$65,987
2003	\$90,000	2003	\$59,448
2004	\$46,000	2004	\$81,635
2005	\$180,000	2005	\$68,243
2006	\$55,000	2006	\$86,246
2007	\$95,000	2007	\$44,621
2008	\$65,000	2008	
TOTAL	\$1,296,000	TOTAL	\$676,894